

Reference to mixtures has been removed from new claim 27 as unnecessary, and the Examiner's objection to the use of this term has therefore been met.

New claim 28 replaces old claim 19 and is directed to the preferred use of the (Z)- (or trans-) isomer of the chloro compounds, namely as anti-oestrogenic agents. This utility has been demonstrated in the evidence (refer, for example, to the data for compound 7 on page 30, lines 1-8, and the table on page 32).

In these circumstances, it is believed that the Examiner's rejections do not apply to the amended claims. The rejection under 35 USC 103 on the ground that the claimed compounds are unpatentable under the Allen et al reference was acknowledged by the Examiner not to apply to the compound wherein R is chloro. It clearly therefore does not apply to the amended claims.

The rejections under 35 USC 112 first paragraph clearly do not apply to the claims as amended. The reference to "mixtures" has been removed. New claim 28, replacing cancelled claim 19, recites a specific utility and the use of an amount of compound effective in relation to that utility. While the applicants do not agree with the Examiner's comment that "the specification has not taught which compound can produce which response", it is clear that this objection is rendered moot by the amendments made. The claims now recite the use of an anti-tumor effective amount of the active ingredient.

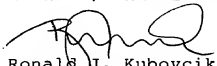
In these circumstances, it is believed that the application as amended is clearly in condition for immediate allowance. Such action with withdrawal of the final rejection is accordingly earnestly requested.

Should minor issues remain which can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the below-listed telephone number in order to resolve said issues.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2395, along with any other required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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